



## **2021 Undergraduate Student Research Development Award**

The Texas Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine (TACSM) is pleased to offer this request for applications for the 2021 Undergraduate ACSM Student Research Development Award (SRDA) that will be supported by a Regional Chapter Grant made available by National ACSM to increase funding specific to the undergraduate level. The purpose of this award program is two-fold. First, it will allow students the experience of organizing and submitting a proposal for funding support. Second, it will provide a vehicle by which students can competitively secure funding that may be used either to supplement ongoing scientific work or to support a small stand-alone project. SRDA funds are not applicable to university mandated indirect costs. Up to \$3,000 is available for eligible students. No more than \$1,000 will be awarded to each student.

Students eligible for these awards must meet the following requirements:

- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university in the State of Texas in the areas of basic, applied, or clinical exercise science or sports medicine.
- SRDA applications should be based on isolated projects with no duplicate applications submitted to pursue funding of the same project and funds do not cover indirect costs.
- Must be a member in good standing of TACSM as of **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**
- Must have a TACSM member as the research supervisor (page 4)

The applications will be reviewed by a team of TACSM professional members and make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. Applicants may submit only one application and can receive only one award per year. Applications not funded will be eligible for submission to the SRDA awards associated with the 2022 Annual Meeting if eligibility requirements are met.

***Applications must be received in the office of the TACSM Associate Executive Director (Dr. Ariane Secrest; [asecrest@umhb.edu](mailto:asecrest@umhb.edu)) no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.*** Electronic submission is required in PDF file format. The faculty sponsor/research supervisor is responsible for submitting the completed application as a single compiled file (**do not send multiple files**) for the student's submission.

**NOTE:** TACSM SRDA checks will only be made out to the institution where the student is studying in Texas. It is the student's responsibility to coordinate with their research supervisor to deposit the check. TACSM will not cut checks to award recipients until the student submits a copy of his/her IRB approval for the proposed research project. Additionally, TACSM must issue 1099 forms for all payments to universities of \$600 or more. For this to happen, a faculty member at that institution must pre-authorize this and TACSM should be informed prior to the annual meeting.

Application materials for the Student Research Development Award include the following in the order indicated below:

- A completed TACSM Undergraduate Student Research Development Award application form.

- Introductory information in the proposal should be categorized as follows:
  - a. Completed letter of recommendation from faculty other than your research supervisor (use form)
  - b. Recommendation form completed by primary research supervisor
  - c. Current Resume/Curriculum Vita of applicant
  - d. Budget justification or proposed use of funds for which application is being submitted
  
- The body of the proposal detailing the research project toward which these funds will be used (maximum of 5 single-spaced pages, excluding literature cited). Funding may be sought for supplemental support for ongoing research projects or for newly developed ideas. The body of the proposal should be categorized as follows:
  - a. Hypothesis to be tested
  - b. Specific aims
  - c. Background and significance of the work
  - d. Experimental design and methodology
  - e. Literature cited.

Indicate if applying for funds that will be used for new projects, or as a supplement to ongoing or previously funded work. If the latter, using items a-e above, please describe how the supplemental work relates to the larger project.

Protocols using human subjects, animals, radioisotopes or biohazardous materials must provide evidence that there has been appropriate review and clearance by local Institutional Review Board or similar group.

The criteria used to evaluate applications are the same as those generally applied in competition for research support of other prominent organizations: 1) the scientific significance of the basic, applied, or clinical information being sought; 2) clarity of the proposal and logic of specific aims; and 3) the likelihood that the proposed research will yield new information.

**\*Note: These funds are awarded to the student Principal Investigator and are to be solely utilized for costs associated with the funded research proposal. The student Principal Investigator and his/her primary faculty supervisor are to inform the executive director immediately in the event that: 1) the student Principal Investigator no longer intends to participate in data collection related to the funded proposal (i.e., switches labs, leaves the program, takes a leave of absence etc.); 2) the laboratory no longer intends to conduct the proposed data collection; or 3) any other scenario that would result in a compromised ability to meet the original agreement terms laid out in the research proposal. In this scenario, the executive committee of TACSM will determine the appropriate course of action for the use of the funds.**

Completed applications should be e-mailed by the research supervisor to:

Ariane Secrest, PhD, OTR, CHES  
 TACSM Associate Executive Director  
 University of Mary Hardin-Baylor  
 900 College Street  
 Belton, TX 76513  
[asecrest@umhb.edu](mailto:asecrest@umhb.edu)



## 2021 Undergraduate Student Research Development Award Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                            last  first  middle initial

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
                            city  state  zip code

Phone: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_                      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

Department  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
  street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
                            city  state  zip code

Phone: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_                      Fax: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Proposed Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Requested Funds: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Research: Basic \_\_\_\_\_      Applied \_\_\_\_\_      Clinical \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a National Member of ACSM?                      Yes / No      Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the TACSM                      Yes / No      Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_



## Undergraduate Research Supervisor Recommendation

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current TACSM Member? Yes / No (required for review)

Are you an ACSM Member? Yes / No                      ACSM Fellow? Yes / No

If selected, are you prepared to help your study prepare a proposal presentation? Yes / No

Questions to be answered by the recommender:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe, in your judgment, the candidate's aptitude for kinesiology-related research.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Describe the extent and quality of the applicant's previous research activity.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommender's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date